



## **SGVCOG Joint Water Policy Committee/TAC Approved Minutes**

Date: November 15, 2017  
Time: 10:00 AM  
Location: Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District  
602 E. Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA

### **PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM.
2. Roll Call

#### **Water Policy Committee Members Present**

N. Lyons, Diamond Bar  
J. Nelson, Glendora  
G. Crudgington, Monrovia  
J. Capoccia, Sierra Madre  
D. Mahmud, South Pasadena  
M. Spence, West Covina

#### **Water Policy Committee Members Absent**

Claremont  
Rosemead

#### **Water TAC Members Present**

D. Dolphin, Alhambra  
K. Kearney, Bradbury  
A. Tachiki, Monrovia  
J. Carlson, Sierra Madre  
J. Shimmin, South Pasadena  
G. Osmena, LACDPW  
E. Reyes, E. Hills, SGVMWD  
F. Delach, USGVMWD

#### **Water TAC Members Absent**

Arcadia  
Covina

#### **Ex Officio Members Present**

L. Miller, LA County Sanitation District  
K. Gardner, R. Serna, Watermaster

#### **Ex Officio Members Absent**

#### **Guests**

D. Correy, Sen Portantino  
C. Dillon, El Monte  
M. Lyons, Asm Holden

#### **SGVCOG Staff**

E. Wolf

3. Public Comment. There were no public comments.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

4. Water Committee/TAC Meeting Minutes – 10/18/2017  
**There was a motion to approve the minutes. (M/S: G. Crudgington/J. Capoccia).**  
**[MOTION PASSED]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Monrovia, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, West Covina, Alhambra, Bradbury, LACDPW, SGVMWD, USGVMWD
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<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Diamond Bar, Glendora
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Claremont, Rosemead, Arcadia, Covina

## PRESENTATION

5. Individual Industrial Permits/Industrial General Permits: Presentation by David Dolphin, Alhambra  
D. Dolphin's presentation reviewed how the City of Alhambra conducts IIP/IGP inspections. The city began by identifying all businesses that fall within the requirements of the program and educating them on pollution prevention. To do this, the city developed its own handouts and educational materials. Next, the city conducted inspections and provided onsite, telephone, and email consultation to help businesses with compliance. Inspections are done by city employees and businesses pay an inspection fee to help cover the costs.

## ACTION ITEMS

6. SGVCOG Comments on Definition and Jurisdictional Reach of Waters of the United States  
*Recommended Action: submit to the Governing Board for "Receive and File."*  
Discussion of this item was included in Item 7.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Waters of the United States
- Stormwater Listening Session: Nov 14<sup>th</sup>  
E. Wolf provided an update on the SGVCOG's participation in the EPA's *Stormwater Listening Session*. There were 18 speakers, most representing water or stormwater agencies. Two points were repeatedly raised: first, the EPA should treat stormwater infrastructure differently than traditional "receiving waters" when rewriting WOTUS; second, the EPA should consider the variations in climate and geography across different regions of the U.S. and not try to create a one-size-fits-all definition.
  - Written Comments Due by November 28<sup>th</sup>  
E. Wolf provided an update on the comments to be submitted noting that they will be fitted to the 12-question format provided by the EPA.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

8. Legislative Updates: SGVCOG 2018 Proposed State Legislation  
D. Mahmud introduced the SGVCOG 2018 legislative proposals: a municipal ombudsman a the state and regional board levels, indemnifying agencies that capture and infiltrate stormwater, requiring water/stormwater qualifications for appointment to the Regional Board, and incentives for stormwater capture. She discussed the likely challenges we will face. Regarding pending 2017 legislation, J. Nelson stated that Sen Portantino has a plan and intends to move SB 633 forward early next year.
9. Regulatory Updates: SWRCB Water Conservation/Prohibited Uses  
E. Wolf reviewed the State Water Board's proposed regulation on Water Conservation and Prohibited Water Uses.
10. Water Boards Update
- State Board  
D. Mahmud discussed the State Superior Court decision that invalidated Chromium 6 water quality standards. The court found that the State Water Board did not give due consider to the technical difficulty and cost of implementing controls.
  - Regional Board

D. Mahmud disclosed that Sam Unger, Executive Officer of the Regional Board, will be retiring. Also, terms expired at the end of September 2017 for board members Lawrence Yee and Charles Stringer. Mahmud asked that members recommend replacements.

**11. LA County Water Update**

- Water Resilience Stakeholder Advisory Committee appointments

The SGVCOG appointee is Judy Nelson. Diana Mahmud is Supervisor Barger's appointee.

- SAC meeting recap

J. Nelson and D. Mahmud gave a recap of the initial meeting at which BOS staff introduced the elements that may be included in the tax measure. Those elements are: Program Outcomes, Program Administration, Eligible Expenditures, Regional/Municipal/FCD Projects, Project Prioritization, Rebates and Incentives, Stakeholder Engagement, Workforce Development, Coordinated Investment, Oversight, and Audit Requirements. Committee members agreed that the SGVCOG should adopt positions (where applicable) on these plan elements. Ideas to include in our position paper are: a list of SGV regional projects that would be funded by the measure, opening the Basin Plan for review and rewrite, ensuring that the 40% local return is unrestricted, and ensuring that SGV flood control infrastructure continue to be the primary means of stormwater capture and infiltration, as designed. Staff will draft a position paper for review at the December meeting.

**12. Water Supply Update**

K. Gardner reported that quagga muscle larvae have been detected in pipes and treatment works in SGV due to backflow from Colorado River water. Upper District has submitted a mitigation plan to the Regional Board.

F. Delach described a project to capture urban runoff, treat it at a downstream Sanitation District site and pump it back upstream to the Santa Fe spreading grounds. The project is currently seeking funding.

**13. Litigation Update**

- San Diego County Water Authority v. MWD

D. Mahmud stated that because the State Supreme Court declined to review the case, the lower court's decision is final.

**14. Stormwater Outreach Updates**

D. Mahmud noted that the SGVCOG has been invited to brief Sen Harris' staff on MS4 and stormwater challenges. The meeting will take place on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

COG staff and LACDPW conducted a follow up conference call with Joe Sheehy, Legislative Director for Rep Napolitano, regarding the application of WOTUS designation to SGV flood control infrastructure.

**15. E/WMP Updates**

A. Tachiki provided an update on San Gabriel River/Rio Hondo E/WMP activities. The group has submitted a request to extend the timeline for completion of 17 miles of green streets from 2017 to 2019. Next year, the E/WMP will request that the Regional Board approve two regional projects—at Peck Lake and the Arboretum. The E/WMP will seek COG support.

D. Dolphin stated that members of the Upper LA River E/WMP are currently reviewing the CIMP and Non-Monitoring MOAs that the SGVCOG will be a party to.

G. Osmena discussed a Load Reduction Strategy for the Rio Hondo River that the ULAR E/WMP is working on.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

D. Mahmud discussed an article entitled *Inflatable Dams and a Water Wheel*.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- LA Water Board meeting: Dec 7, 2017

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.